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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Property Claim [REDACTED] (P)

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1. During riots in [REDACTED] on July 25, 1955 this employee had clothing valued at \$22 and currency amounting to \$225 stolen from his room in the [REDACTED] Hotel. For security reasons the [REDACTED] station directed that he [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] he submit a claim through Agency Headquarters.

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2. In accordance with Station instructions [REDACTED] submitted a claim for reimbursement through the Headquarters Board of Survey. The Board considered the case on several occasions and finally on January 24, 1957 recommended reimbursement of \$22 for the loss of clothing and no reimbursement for the loss of currency on the grounds of negligence. Upon approval of this recommendation by the DD/S, the employee appealed his claim to the Director through the Inspector General.

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3. During the recent survey of FE Division field Stations, a member of this Staff carefully reviewed the background of this claim with Station personnel present in [REDACTED] at the time of the riots. Although no records exist in [REDACTED] bearing upon reimbursement claims stemming from the riots, Station personnel indicated that to the best of their knowledge all foreign nationals who suffered losses in the riots received some reimbursement from the [REDACTED] Government. The riots were a source of substantial concern and embarrassment to the Government, and claims were generally handled liberally and expeditiously. It was the consensus of Station personnel knowledgeable of the riots, that if [REDACTED] received no reimbursement for the currency stolen from him he had not been dealt with as fairly as if he had been permitted to prosecute his claim on the spot with the [REDACTED] Government.

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4. A review of the record available to the Board of Survey indicated that in assessing the circumstances surrounding this claim the Board was dependent upon one ambiguous three paragraph dispatch from the [REDACTED] station. This dispatch was drafted one year after the riots

and it failed to reflect all circumstances pertinent to the claim as subsequently developed by this Staff in discussions with the former Chief of Station [REDACTED] and with other FE Division personnel familiar with the riots and subsequent events.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that [REDACTED] be reimbursed \$125 in settlement of the outstanding portion of his claim. This amount, on the basis of the best information available, is a reasonable approximation of the amount [REDACTED] would have received from the [REDACTED] Government had he been permitted to prosecute his claim through [REDACTED] channels.

/s/ Lyman Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Inspector General

Enclosure: Finance Division  
file on [REDACTED]

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